

LOCAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT SERVICES: *TREE PLANTING PROGRAM*

- ◆ Design layout & plant windbreaks, shelterbelts, living snowfences, and wildlife plantings

WEED CONTROL

- ◆ Weed Badger
- ◆ Weed Fabric
- ◆ Tree Tubes
- ◆ Tree Stakes

DRILL PROGRAM

- ◆ Haybuster 10 ½ ft no-till drill

GRASS SEED PROGRAM

- ◆ Native Grass Seed Mix

WEED MOWING PROGRAM

- ◆ Contract Services available

CONSERVATION EDUCATION PROGRAMS:

- ◆ Soil & Water Stewardship Week
- ◆ Envirothon
- ◆ Poster Contest
- ◆ Fair booth
- ◆ Newsletter



Area II 2nd place
Cory Jackson
District 1st place



Area II Winner
Ann Svec 1st place
District 2nd place

OTHER SERVICES:

- ◆ Rainfall Monitors
- ◆ Observation Well Monitoring Program
- ◆ Special Watershed Projects
- ◆ Water Quality Monitoring
- ◆ LGU for State Wetland Projects



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WHAT IS A CONSERVATION DISTRICT?

In the 1930's there was a great ecological disaster called the "Dust Bowl". Which had huge dust storms that enveloped the countryside. A soil scientist by the name of Hugh Bennett in 1935 testified on Capitol Hill. He opened the curtains to show the blackened sky and Congress immediately declared soil and water conservation a national policy and priority. It was evident that this would have to be supported by private landowners, as the land was more than three-quarters were privately owned. So this is how the idea of a soil and water conservation district was developed.

Conservation Today

Today there are over 3,000 conservation districts-one in almost every county. Minnesota has 91 districts with a board of elected supervisors that oversee the operations of the districts. There are 5 individuals that sit on this board. Now the conservation districts help to educate about conserving land,

water, forests, wildlife, and other natural resource through different programs.

Conservation districts are a subdivision of local government under state law to carry out a program for conservation, use and development of soil, water and related resources.

Local districts work with land managers, local government agencies and other interested in addressing a broad spectrum of concerns: erosion control, flood prevention, water conservation and use, wetlands, ground water, water quality and quantity, non-point source pollution, forest land protection, wildlife, recreation, waste water management and community development. This work varies in accordance with the needs and resources of the district. Each district has a governing body of local people, elected or appointed. They share their talents and experience and knowledge of community needs and resources to

guide districts in setting goals and priorities for carrying out programs. They work in cooperation with and in some states, under direction of a state conservation agency through which state funding and other assistance is provided.

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